I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW. By: Date: IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In Re Patent Application of: Ian Richard Anselm Peak et al. Conf. No.: 6450 Group Art Unit: 1645 Appln. No.: 09/771,382 Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford Filing Date: January 25, 2001 Attorney Docket No.: 8795-24U1 (8615US2-MLE) Title: MODIFIED SURFACE ANTIGEN PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to and including July 10, 2006 for responding to the final Office Action mailed January 10, 2006. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this Petition. A check in the amount of \$ .00 is enclosed herewith. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 208795.0026) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed. [X] Extension fee covering the amount of \$510.00 [X] Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee. Respectfully submitted, IAN RICHARD ANSELM PEAK et al. y 10, 2006 By: ALAN S. NADEL Registration No. 27,363 AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP One Commerce Square 2005 Market Street, Suite 2200 Philadelphia, PA 19103-7013 Telephone: 215-965-1200

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